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CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT MILITARY CAMPS IN EGYPT (S)

SUMMARY

1. (S/D) This report provides information on the construction of seven permanent Egyptian military facilities for quartering brigade-sized units. It is based on information derived from imagery obtained between [redacted] and includes a location map and one annotated photograph. Numerical unit designators in paragraph 4 were derived from reference document 1.

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DISCUSSION

2. (S/D) Five areas of construction for seven new permanent military camps have been identified in Egypt. The construction of these camps is significant in that there has never before been an Egyptian construction program to provide permanent facilities for the regular army. Previously, the ground forces were quartered in tent camps or in limited facilities constructed by the British or Americans during the World War II era. The camp areas, designated on Figure 1 as locations A through E, are listed in the following table.

Location	Facility	BE No	Coordinates	Status of Construction
A	Al Amariyah Army Barracks Northeast	[redacted]	31-02-01N 029-50-07E	One camp substantially complete
B	As Suways Military Camp		30-03-48N 032-25-18E	One camp ucon
C	At Tall Al Kabir Military Camp		30-27-08N 031-52-33E	Two camps ucon
D	Bilbays Military Camp		30-24-45N 031-42-45E	One camp substantially complete
E	Dashur Military Barracks		29-49-04N 031-10-03E	One of two camps completed

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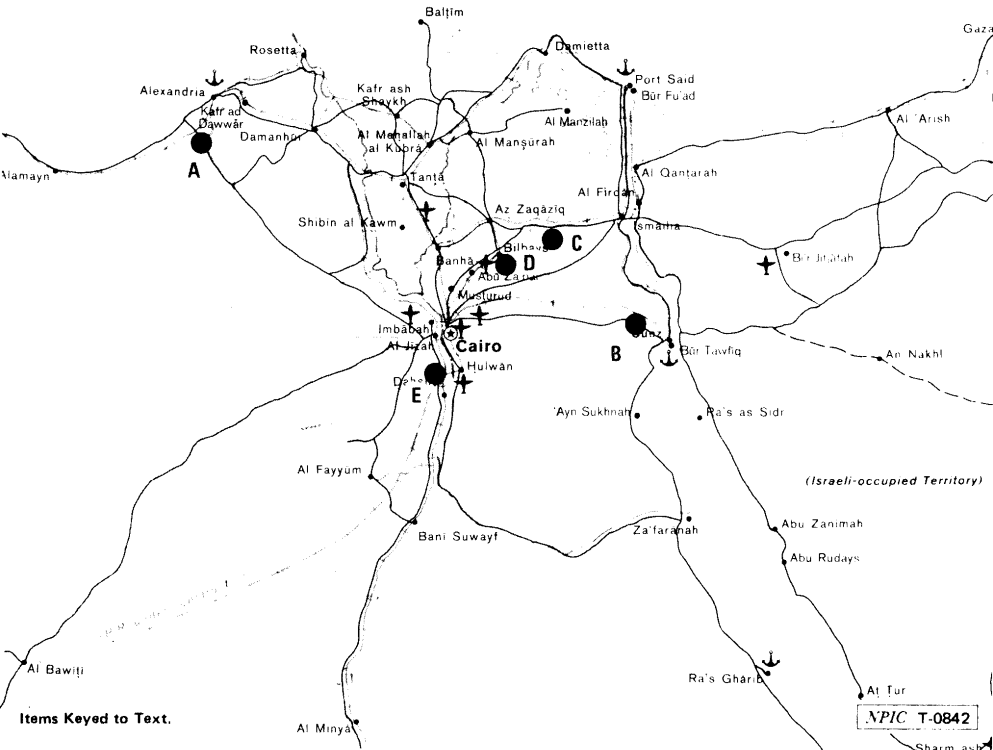


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF NEW PERMANENT MILITARY CAMPS IN EGYPT

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3. (S/D) Two of the camps, all of which were designed to accommodate brigade-sized units, are collocated at Dashur, two are at At Tall Al Kabir, and a single camp is at each of the other areas. The camps are divided into separate areas to house each of the major maneuver battalions of the brigade, the supporting units, administration, and camp support. The completed camp at Dashur (Figure 2) exhibits the following recognition features distinctive to all of the camps (with the exceptions noted): a generally rectangular pattern of asphalt roads (except at Al Amariyah); uniformly arranged barracks and vehicle sheds in unit groupings; a large T-shaped messhall; and a rectangular asphalt helicopter pad (except at Bilbays).

4. [] Within the last year, the 21st Armored Division moved from the Suez Canal area to Dashur Military Barracks, and the division's 18th Mechanized Infantry Brigade has occupied the newly completed camp there. It is likely that one of the division's armored brigades will occupy the second camp upon its completion. The 3rd Mechanized Infantry Division has also, within the last year, moved from the Suez Canal area to Al Amariya, and one of its brigades may occupy the new camp there when construction is completed. The similarity of the camps at At Tall Al Kabir to those at Dashur suggests that the camps at At Tall Al Kabir may also be intended to house an armored and a mechanized brigade. The 6th Armored Division is the nearest such force. The relatively high proportion of barracks to vehicle storage space at Bilbays and its proximity to Bilbays Airfield [] suggest that the camp is designed for airborne or command forces. The intended use of the camp at As Suways has not been determined.

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REFERENCES**IMAGERY**

(S/D) Selected imagery acquired from [] was used in the preparation of this report.

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DOCUMENT

1. DIA. DDB-1100-EG-80, *Ground Order-of-Battle: Egypt (U)*, Apr 80 (SECRET [])

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